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Applicant:	Rajesh Ranganathan et al.	Art Unit:	1632
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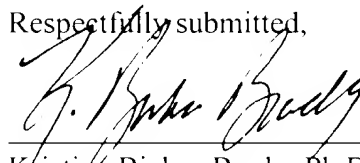
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for replying to the Examiner's Action, mailed April 30, 2001, be extended for four months to and including October 1, 2001, as September 30, 2001 falls on a Sunday.

Enclosed is a check for \$1,390.00 for the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). If there are any other charges or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

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